

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.           A method for managing storage devices by using a computer, wherein said computer reads information about an operation rule for said storage devices accommodated previously in a memory device and information about an operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said operation rule for said storage devices, receives an instruction to select said information about said operation rule for said storage devices from a user, and sends said storage devices an instruction to execute said operation procedure of said storage devices associated with information about said operation rule on the basis of said operation rule received.

2.           A method of managing storage devices by using a computer, wherein said computer reads information about an operation rule for said storage devices accommodated previously in a memory device and information about an operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said operation rule for said storage devices, sends said storage devices an instruction to execute said operation procedure of said storage devices on the basis of said operation rule and said operation procedure of said storage devices, which have been read, obtains information from said storage devices, and on the basis of said information obtained from said storage devices, changes said information about said storage devices.

3. A method for managing storage devices according to Claim 2, wherein said information obtained from said storage devices includes at least one item of information about utilization state, performance and fault.

4. A method of operational support for storage devices by using a computer, wherein said computer reads information about an operation rule for said storage devices accommodated previously in a memory device and information about an operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said operation rule for said storage devices, receives an instruction to select said information about said operation rule for said storage devices from a user, and on the basis of information about said operation rule received, displays, on the screen, information regarding states before and after said operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said information about said operation rule is applied to said storage devices.

5. A method of operational support for storage devices by using a computer, wherein said computer reads information about an operation rule for said storage devices accommodated previously in a memory device and information about an operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said operation rule for said storage devices, obtains information about said storage devices, and on the basis of said information obtained from said storage devices, changes

said information about said storage devices, and displays, on the screen, information about said operation procedure of said storage devices and information after said information is changed.

6.           A method of operational support for storage devices according to Claim 5, wherein said information obtained from said storage device includes at least one item of information about utilization state, performance and fault.

7.           A program for managing storage devices, wherein said program reads information about an operation rule for said storage devices accommodated previously in a memory device and information about an operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said operation rule for said storage devices, receives an instruction to select said information about said operation rule for said storage devices from a user, and sends said storage devices an instruction to execute said operation procedure of said storage devices associated with information about said operation rule on the basis of said operation rule received.

8.           A program for managing storage devices, wherein said program reads information about an operation rule for said storage devices accommodated previously in a memory device and information about an operation procedure of said storage devices associated with said operation rule for said storage devices,

sends said storage devices an instruction to execute said operation procedure of said storage devices on the basis of said operation rule and said operation procedure of said storage devices, which have been read, obtains information from said storage devices, and on the basis of said information obtained from said storage devices, changes said information about said storage devices.

9.           A program for managing storage devices according to Claim 8, wherein said information obtained from said storage devices includes at least one item of information about utilization state, performance and fault.